



## INTERNATIONAL

Fourth official to quit Justice Department

## Top aide to Meese resigns

WASHINGTON, May 28, (Reuter): Another top aide to beleaguered Attorney-General Edwin Meese has announced his resignation just before the release of a report that is expected to sharply criticise Meese's ethical conduct.

Assistant Attorney-General Charles Cooper said yesterday he would be resigning in the latest departure from the troubled Justice Department, which has been thrown into turmoil by Meese's legal problems.

Cooper was the fourth high-ranking official of the department to leave in the last two months.

Cooper said in his resignation letter that his departure was unrelated to the controversy surrounding Meese but depart-

ment officials said he had doubts about remaining after other top aides quit to protest Meese's continued leadership.

## Involved

Cooper, who provided legal advice to Meese, played a key role in the initial investigation that uncovered the Iran-Contra scandal and was involved in the failed talks aimed at removing Panamanian强人Manuel Antonio Noriega from power.

His resignation added to the exodus just days before special prosecutor James McKay completed a report expected to cite numerous instances of questionable ethical behaviour by Meese.

For the past year, McKay has conducted an investigation into Meese's financial affairs, his ties

to the scandal-scarred Wedtech Corp defence firm and his role in a \$1 billion Iraqi oil pipeline deal.

Cooper's resignation created yet another vacancy for Meese to fill.

Deputy Attorney-General Arnold Burns and Criminal Division chief William Weld quit two months ago in a protest against Meese. Then Terry Eastland, a close friend of Cooper, disclosed he had been fired as Meese's chief spokesman because he had failed to defend the attorney general aggressively enough.

"I am acutely aware, of course, that this is a time of controversy for you and for the department, and thus is not the most opportune moment for members of the department's leadership to be departing," Cooper said.

## Two Britons held for espionage

ROME, May 28, (UPI): Italian anti-terrorist police, acting at the request of US authorities, have arrested two Britons on charges of sending photocopies of blueprints of military equipment to countries in Eastern Europe and to Libya, police announced today.

Police identified the Britons as Clifford Shepherd, Chadwick, 52, and Brian Moller Butcher, 35. They were arrested on separate days last week at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport as they arrived from England, police

said.

In addition to the espionage charges, police said Chadwick is suspected of being involved in large scale trafficking in arms to Libya and in terrorist attacks carried out in Italy in recent years against dissident Libyan exiles.

Deputy state attorney Rosario Priore, one of Rome's top anti-terrorist prosecutors, said Butcher also is being investigated to determine whether he was involved in terrorist actions, or had links with foreign terrorists.

Italian investigators said the arrests were carried out at the request of US authorities who started investigating the activities of Chadwick and Butcher several months ago.

They said American authorities are asking Italy to extradite the two Britons on charges of carrying out technological espionage damaging to the United States.

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The hostesses, who work two at a time, don't actually cash cheques. They stand behind a counter in a closed-off part of the store selling cigarettes, candy and other items.

"I don't feel self-conscious at all," said Randi, 29, who said she used to work as a waitress. The other hostess on duty at the time, who identified herself only as Smoke, 33, said she has been a topless dancer and worked for a Strip-O-Gram company.

## Allegations over links with S. Africa

## Mauritius walks out of African summit

ADDIS ABABA, May 28, (Reuter): Mauritius, protesting against criticism of its links with South Africa, today stormed out of the closing session of an African summit which called for intensified armed struggle against apartheid and Pretoria's rule in Namibia.

"We came here to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), not to be insulted ... I have no alternative but to walk out of this closing session," Foreign Minister Satacam Boolell told the few heads of state left in the Ethiopian capital.

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## Realities

"If we close our eyes to such realities and truths, we would be colluding with apartheid," he added.

Resolutions passed by the 30 heads of state and government who attended the three-day meeting call for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions

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Guillio, 45, was pardoned by Afghan President Najibullah after a personal appeal on humanitarian grounds by French President Francois Mitterrand which was read out on Afghan television last night.

## Mother Teresa

GALLUP, New Mexico, May 28, (AP): Mother Teresa visited a feeding place for the homeless and thanked worshippers at a service for their help in supporting her missionary sisters of charity homes.

"I want to thank you for sharing the joy of love with our sisters and for doing something beautiful for God," she said yesterday. "We'll be judged by God by how we help our fellow man."

## Tamils blocked

HAMBURG, West Germany, May 28, (UPI): West German police early today blocked an attempt of 299 Tamil refugees to smuggle themselves into Canada by ship, a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said the Tamils were discovered shortly after midnight in an abandoned old hotel in a Hamburg suburb.

They told police they had planned to leave today for Canada on the Lupa a 399-ton German freighter and enter Canada illegally.

## Kurds rob

DOGUBEYAZIT, Turkey, May 28, (Reuter): Kurdish guerrillas ambushed a group of European climbers on Mount Ararat and robbed them at a height of 3,500 metres (11,000 feet), police reported today.

The spokesman for the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), Tadesse Ebas said the two nurses had not been kidnapped but "removed" from southwestern Ethiopia "for their own safety" following clashes between the rebels and government troops in the region.

Quinn and Coen were captured on April 28 in Janso, 400 km west of the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, during an OLF raid on the town.

The spokesman said the two nurses had been held by the rebels for 10 days.

Concern humanitarian organisation, had to walk for six days to the Sudanese border, 80 km from Janso. From the border, they were driven for 750 km of rutted dirt tracks to the Sudanese capital of Khartoum.

The two flew back to Ireland on Friday but their release was only reported the next day.

The rebel spokesman said today the OLF "have no ill feelings against or bad intentions for Fiona and Mary or any aid worker for that matter."

"We would like to assure the Irish people and government that the OLF has nothing against Irish nationals. In fact we have great respect and admiration for the Irish people," he said.

Brandi, addressing a rally in the former Reichstag building looking over the Berlin Wall, said the party's main priority was to help ensure security in Europe and prevent war.

## Social Democrats

WEST BERLIN, May 28, (Reuter): West Germany's Social Democrats (SPD) celebrated their 125th anniversary today with an emotional call from former chancellor and party leader Willy Brandt for more vitality and initiative.

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## Public apology

LONDON, May 28, (Kuna): The headmaster of a school in England has made a public apology to leaders of the Muslim community for describing the Islamic religion as "misguided" it was reported here today.

Muslim parents threatened to withdraw their children from Golden Hillock School in Birmingham, the English Midlands, in protest after Mary Stuart sent home two Muslim pupils who were praying in the school's car park.

## Turkish emergency

ANKARA, May 28, (AP): A parliamentary decision extending emergency rule in Turkey's nine provinces, including the country's largest city Istanbul, for four more months as of July 19 went into force today.

The other provinces are in the southeast, where government troops and Kurdish guerrillas seeking autonomy have been fighting since 1984.

These provinces are Bingol, Elazig, Hakkari, Mardin, Siirt, Tunceli, Van and Diyarbakir.

## Rocket attack

ISLAMABAD, May 28, (AP): A rocket attack by anti-communist guerrillas killed three women and one child in the Afghan capital, state-owned Radio Kabul reported today.

Ten rockets and projectiles hit the western part of Kabul yesterday afternoon, said the Dari-language newscast monitored in Islamabad.

## Bingo Day 13

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US city introduces topless  
cheque-cashing

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, May 28 (UPI): The city that pioneered America's first topless shop now presents bare-breasted cheque-cashing.

"It's a new idea because of all the cheque-cashing stores opening up," said Arnold Van, who runs the store.

"Since we opened, two others opened up within a quarter-mile of here, so I thought we needed to come up with a new concept," he said. "I thought we had to give people a new, extra service at no extra charge."

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## KUWAIT

Dowry is a hot topic for discussion

## Marriages very expensive

DOWRY talk has become "paramount" among youths about to marry. Though some tribes in Kuwait have recently limited the amount of dowries, youths still believe marriages to be very expensive and parents of brides frequently requested for "gifts" to compensate for low dowries.

A local daily interviewing several youths on the subject reported that one of those interviewed, Nuha Ibrahim, stated that "women were not commodities and prospective grooms should improve their standards of living before proposing marriage. She added that most middle class families in Kuwait do not ask for high dowries and such higher dowries apply only to the more affluent. Thus, she rejected the actions of the tribes towards limiting dowries.

Um Badr said limiting dowries is a good step, however, it becomes difficult to limit dowries when a family has two sisters—if one of them is paid a high dowry, the other sister would be left "left-down" were she to receive a lower dowry. Therefore, the family ends up paying for their daughter's marriage.

Bahija Ibrahim said that indicating limits for dowries could cause future problems between a man and his wife. She pointed out that marriage is intended to last forever and dowries are a matter of trust between the bride's and the groom's family.

### Rejects

Ilham Al Masoud rejects limiting dowries because living standards are changing constantly and that a KD5000 dowry is not a problem for most youths as the government provides them with

marriage allowances.

## Science club begins registration

KUWAIT Science Club began registration for summer session courses, with many youths accompanied by their parents registering for club membership.

Science club associations will begin holding symposiums and training courses in data-base computer programmes, which will be given by Yousef Hamad Al Khader beginning June 4. The three-week course will be held at the Electronics and Computer Science Amateurs Association building in Hawalli.

### Appointment

UNITED Arab Shipping Company (UASC) board of directors approved the appointment of

Saud A. Al Zamil as the general director.

Al Zamil served as deputy general director since 1983.

### Suitable

Answering a question on the duration of the American forces' presence in the Gulf, the ambassador said he could not mention a specific date.

He quoted US President Reagan as saying that the Gulf water lanes are vital and

## US committed to free navigation in Gulf

AMERICAN Ambassador to Bahrain, Sam Zakhem, yesterday affirmed his country's commitment to secure navigation in the international waters of the Gulf against any assault.

The American diplomat, in an interview with Kuwaiti daily said this protection would not cover all ships and there are certain conditions that should be followed by ships that enjoy American escort.

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# ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

BEWARE of the fury of a patient man — John Dryden, English poet (1631-1700).

## Call for total disarmament

By J.T. Nguyen

UNITED NATIONS. (UPI): Leaders of developing countries are expected to call for total disarmament during a special session of the UN General Assembly beginning Tuesday, coinciding with the US Soviet summit in Moscow.

At least 25 heads of state and government will converge on New York to press for an end to the arms race. Many are aware of the criticism that they, too, contribute to the annual \$1 trillion arms spending worldwide.

The UN special session on disarmament, from May 31 to June 25, is the third since world leaders gathered in 1978 to write a much acclaimed document calling for global disarmament.

UN officials hope high-level government officials participating in this session will have a consensus to hammer out a fresh universal agreement whereby nuclear powers can be urged to disarm.

The officials are undeterred by warnings that deep disagreements, which caused the second session in 1982 to fail and which still exist, would prevent adoption of a new document.

The May 29-June 2 Moscow summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev seems to encourage other governments to ride the trend toward disarmament in a host of areas, they said.

### Impact

UN diplomats said in interviews the Moscow summit will have an impact on the special session debates on nuclear arms in general, chemical weapons, naval and outer space arms races, conventional arms and reductions in military budgets.

UN Undersecretary-General Yasushi Akashi, in charge of disarmament affairs, said there is a "genuine apprehension" among world leaders of the ongoing arms race and the session will make a difference.

"The relations between the two superpowers are much better and more favourable to concrete disarmament agreements," Akashi said. "The debate in the

## Thatcher and Kinnock battle over morality

By Peter Gregson

LONDON. (Reuters): Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Labour opposition leader Neil Kinnock are quoting liberally from the Bible in a "holier than thou" battle to show the superiority of their own brands of politics.

Clashes this month between Britain's top two politicians have deepened their mutual animosity, and stirred one debate on the morality of the government's social policies and another on the propriety of citing holy scriptures for party political advantage.

In a series of speeches and interviews, Thatcher bared her religious convictions and moral values more fully than at any time since she became prime minister nine years ago.

She sparked particular protest with an address to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh on Saturday, quoting the Old and New Testaments, the ten commandments and several hymns to spell out the spiritual beliefs which underpin her political philosophy.

"It is not the creation of wealth that is wrong but love of money for its own sake," she said in one of several remarks that were instantly dubbed the "gospel according to Thatcher."

Citing St Paul's epistle to the Thessalonians, she added: "If a man will not work he shall not eat."

Kinnock blasted the speech as "selective interpretation of the Bible" and a less than glorious defence of "a society in which the poor get poorer and the rich get richer."

On Tuesday he asked Thatcher in Parliament which Biblical passage had inspired her to cut child benefits and stop free school meals: "Could it have been Matthew 27:24: 'And Pilate took water and washed his hands'?"

Amid uproar, she furiously

United Nations is much less ideological now... and I think we are seeing some breakthroughs in the disarmament negotiations."

He said US-Soviet agreement to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles has been the most encouraging sign in disarmament, even though the agreement covers only 5 percent of the nuclear arsenal. Akashi said the verification procedures that accompany the INF testing are "unprecedented."

He said bilateral arms settlements between Washington and Moscow have had their origin in UN resolutions, a claim strongly disputed by the two capitals.

Most Western European nations and the United States prefer direct negotiations, as it is on humanitarian aid or disarmament, contrary to the United Nations's calls for negotiations under its auspices.

### Boycotted

Washington boycotted last year's UN conference on development, which ended in failure, saying it has done more for the poor on a country-to-country basis.

Third World leaders have been urging arms manufacturing countries to transfer money from the arms race to economic development in poor countries, which they say would lead to peace and security. The superpowers believe only a strong defence can maintain peace.

The United States has not indicated who will lead its delegation, which apparently includes nearly 50 American disarmament experts.

It has issued a statement saying that US participation in the special session will be constructive, but warning that "arms control endeavours are still in essence limited to those in the East-West context with most other nations unwilling to undertake similar efforts in their respective regions."

The United States will judge the success of the special session by the degree to which its results assist cooperative efforts to strengthen international peace and security," the statement said.

## Baghdad inflicts major defeats on Iran

By David Tucker

BAHRAM (Reuters): Baghdad has inflicted two major battlefield defeats on Iran in the past few weeks, forcing Iranian forces out of heavily-defended and long occupied positions inside Iraq.

The offensive on Wednesday in which elite Presidential Guards ousted Iranians entrenched south of the port city of Basra would have been unthinkable a year ago.

It followed a convincing victory on Iraq's Faw peninsula in the southern battlefield in the second half of April.

In Wednesday's action, Iran said it staged a strategic withdrawal across the Shatt Al-Arab waterway back across the border during nine hours of fighting.

Thatcher had stepped up the drive to assert the moral supremacy of her government with an address to women members of the ruling Conservative Party on Wednesday.

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accused Kinnock of "debasement I believe in."

She went on to cite her own self-denial by not drawing her full salary as prime minister.

Labour members of Parliament kept up the barrage in prime minister's question time on Thursday, citing Biblical references and accusing Thatcher of a "nauseating pretence at moral concern" while attempting to rewrite the Bible and the Holy Quran."

She dismissed the taunts as lacking the courtesy and respect that was "a mark of Christian manners."

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Iranian troops out of Iraq back to the international borders," said a Gulf-based Western diplomat.

"But they must do it all along the border, from the north to the south," he said.

### Confusion

Another Western diplomat said he believed Iraq wanted to take advantage of what he termed political confusion in Tehran.

"They were encouraged by their successes in Faw and had to act before the new Iranian government had fully settled in," he said.

Iran held parliamentary elections in mid-May in which the balance of power tilted away from conservatives to radicals.

In February, 1986, Iran was on the offensive and pushed into the outskirts of Basra in a series of fierce engagements which threatened the city itself.

Iranian gunners were so close to the strategic southern city they could see their mortar bombs landing on Iraqi positions across the Shatt Al-Arab waterway.

Defeat for Iraq in the south looked possible and there was genuine concern in Gulf diplomatic circles that Iran might seize Basra and declare an Islamic republic in south Iraq.

That concern became so great that Iraq's allies nervously looked towards Baghdad, and Egypt offered troops should Basra look like falling.

They were able to out-think and out-maneuver the Iraqis. Faw was a salutary lesson for Baghdad, he said.

Disaffection with the war at home and a shortage of new recruits to go to the war front meant Iran had to put off any new offensive from its southern positions during the wet season, early this year.

## New Zealand embarks on military buildup

By David Clark Scott

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: "Pacifist of the Pacific."

New Zealand earned the moniker three years ago by banning United States ships carrying nuclear weapons from its harbours. The rebuff by a long-time ally stunned the US. It broke up the ANZUS defence alliance between Australia, New Zealand, and the US.

Ironically, New Zealand is now pumping growing sums into its biggest military buildup in more than a decade.

"By the mid-1990s, New Zealand's Air Force, Navy, and Army are going to be better equipped than they've been since Vietnam," says Steve Hoadley, a political-science professor at Auckland University.

The impetus for Kiwi rearmament is being provided by Prime Minister David Lange's antinuclear, go-it-alone stance. "The breakup of ANZUS has legitimised, even among the Labour Party people who are normally antimilitary, the

ability of their proposing another summit before President Reagan leaves office, but American officials doubt that there would be time for another spectacular in the closing days of the Reagan administration.

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### Verification

The officials are, therefore, tinkering with the two limited test ban treaties which Congress has so far refused to ratify because the Soviets have not been forthcoming enough in offering on-the-spot verification.

I am told, though, that new ideas are now under consideration that may allow for verification more convincing to the US Congress and thus set the scene for the most significant result of this summit.

If these last minute efforts to improve the verification procedures fail, it is hoped here that there may at least be an agreement for joint experiment to develop better test surveillance methods.

### Meet

No doubt, there will also be "meaningful" dialogue on banning chemical weapons and on how to reduce conventional forces. But there will be no serious negotiations at the summit to try and overcome some of the many obstacles that are blocking a Start treaty.

These negotiations will continue in Geneva. So far there have been no hints from the Soviets that they are preparing some surprise proposal for the heads of state to deal with. Some Russians have hinted at the pos-

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What matters more than individual, limited agreement is that Reagan and Gorbachev have laid the groundwork for a more functional, more realistic relationship that is anchored between the two extremes of cold war and detente.

There are those in the administration who believe that Reagan has not yet fully grasped the leverage he has and so far failed to assert what is peculiarly in the American interest, such as a Soviet assurance that it will end its material and logistic support to the Nicaraguan government.

Some Americans officials are quietly worried about President Reagan's conviction that what matters are personal relations and that he could persuade Gorbachev to act on his own, outside the Communist Party apparatus. He is not very conversant with the working of the Soviet government and the Communist Party's overreaching influence.

As an illustration I was given an account of a scene from the Geneva summit when Reagan and Gorbachev met face-to-face for the first time. After both had begun to lay out their own agendas, President Reagan led off with a passionate presentation of his Strategic Defence Initiative.

### Rebuttal

In response Gorbachev first gave a technical rebuttal and then talked about his vision of a nuclear-free world. Finally he leaned back, paused and then said that he disagreed with his SDI concept and that he was dead wrong in promoting it. He paused again, then he added: "But since you feel so strongly about it, I will reconsider my feelings about it."

Gorbachev, though, continues to worry, high American officials believe, because it emphasises American technological superiority and SDI research may carry it into realms that are dangerous to Nato than a Soviet withdrawal behind the Urals.

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## Reagan-Gorbachev summit

### Inside Washington

By Henry Brandon



Mikhail Gorbachev and Ronald Reagan

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Although the Soviets refused to engage in a discussion of military strategy, Defence Minister General Dimitri Yarov, when he met more recently with the American Secretary of

Quite surprising in the evolution of Soviet-American relations are the independent contacts between American and Soviet military at the highest level. There was the visit of Marshal Akromayev, the Soviet Chief of Staff, to the Pentagon during the Washington summit when the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Byrd, and the Soviet chief of staff, General Gorbachev, met.

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Whatever the arguments and counterarguments, Carlucci made it clear that the Soviets are preparing to switch from an offensive to a defensive military strategy.

A good deal is being written about such a switch in Soviet military publications, but it was the first time that such a change in strategy was confirmed at an authoritative level.

Carlucci, in an article in the New York Times, stressed that the test for such a change will be whether Soviet tank, artillery and other offensive weapons now stationed in Eastern Europe will be substantially reduced, for that would be a clear reduction in Soviet airpower. According to American intelligence there are no signs as yet that the Soviet Armed Forces are moving into a defensive posture.

But as American military confess, they have become much more cautious in drawing up their proposals for what the Soviets would have to do under conventional force reductions—the negotiations are to begin in September—because they have to take into considerations that the Russians might accept their proposals and the United States would have to reciprocate.

The still remember the shock they suffered when the Russians accepted their zero option for medium range missiles which they had assumed they would never agree to, for it meant scrapping all their SS-20 missiles.

They are thinking twice before suggesting that the Soviets would have to withdraw their forces behind the Urals from their forward positions in East Germany, for the would, most likely, insist on an equivalent withdrawal of American forces, something that is likely to be more disadvantageous to Nato than a Soviet withdrawal behind the Urals.

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Last but not the least, President Reagan will celebrate the ratification of the INF treaty at the summit. Under Congressional pressure the Russians made some last minute concessions and both Senator Byrd, the leader of the Democratic majority and Senator Dole, the leader of the Republican minority, have expressed satisfaction with the treaty.

Concessions

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The Iraqis went on to capture territory in the Jassem and Du'ejij river areas. Towella Island in the Shatt Al-Arab and the Bubiyan and Kui Al-Suwayid border posts.

The Iraqi High Command said five Iranian divisions had been destroyed around Shalamcheh, a series of muddy strips of land used by Iran as a vital supply route across the Shatt.

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## KUWAIT ... GULF

### Iranians fortify after defeat, bodies scattered on battlefield

KUT SWADI, Iraq, May 28, (AP): Iranian troops built new fortifications east of this tiny frontier post after Iraq drove them across the border in a lightning attack east of the port city of Basra.

"Now they are inside their borders," said an Iraqi officer who spoke to reporters on a government-organised tour of the war front on Thursday.

The bodies of dozens of Iranian soldiers lay scattered on this dusty plain, along with their light weapons, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and hand grenades.

A field hospital, built in a trench and well protected with concrete walls, was abandoned, its equipment scattered on the floor along with more bodies of Iranian soldiers.

Reporters were shown a small number of Iranian prisoners of war, some obviously in their mid-teens and others in their 60s. Iraqi officers would not let reporters speak to them.

#### Retook

From this border post 10 miles (16 kilometres) east of the war-battered southern Iraqi port city of Basra, Iranian troops were visible in the distance as they hastily built new fortifications.

The Iraqi officers said their forces, led by elite presidential guards, routed the Iranians in a five-pronged offensive launched Wednesday morning that lasted just 10 hours.

A senior officer, who like the others spoke on condition his name or rank was not divulged, said Iraqi troops backed by tanks, artillery, jet fighters and helicopter gunships retook 50 square miles (130 square kilometres) of Iraqi territory.

The attack was spearheaded by tanks, part of Iraq's heavily mechanized Armed forces, facing more lightly armed but sometimes fanatical Iranian revolutionary guards and volunteers.

The officer said those Iranian troops that weren't killed or wounded "fled to the other side of the border."

#### Abandoned

This observation post is located where the Iranians pushed their troops into Iraq in their January 1987 offensive that eventually pattered out just six miles (10 kilometres) from Basra.

The city, Iraq's second-largest, is also its only sea port.

Iranian Army jeeps, trucks and ammunition stocks, some in



Victorious: Iraqi soldiers flash the victory sign.



An Iranian post devastated.



Cannon fodder: children as well as the old.

good shape and usable, were abandoned by the Iranians along the tracks they built to approach their main defence points.

Western military analysts estimated that between 35,000 and 40,000 Iraqi troops took part in this week's offensive, but reliable casualty estimates were not yet available.

Reporters counted 400 Iranian prisoners of war being

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# The R,R,R of Yugoslav tourism

By Jadranka Porter

THE violins wailed, the bass throbbed and the accordionist was spinning a song with a distinct Oriental flavour while men wearing fezzes and girls sporting shalwar tapped the floor to their heart's delight. This is how the Yugoslavs made their introduction to an audience at the beginning of a three-day Yugoslav festival at the Kuwait Hilton yesterday.

The Oriental feature of the programme by no means contrived. Situated on the crossroads between the east and west at the southeast European nation has long maintained links with the Middle East, not least through the 500-year Turkish occupation.

Today the Yugoslav Ministry of Tourism gladly exploits the Oriental influence in Yugoslav culture, music, dance and costumes to woo tourists from countries as far apart as Sweden and Kuwait.

However, inquisitive bazaars, Oriental music and dance are but a few of the many attractions Yugoslavia has in store for Arab visitors.

Miloje Popovich, Yugoslavia's deputy minister for tourism, currently visiting Kuwait, said the country has 1,300 islands along its Adriatic coast, 290 lakes, 2,000 rivers, 700 mineral water springs, 16 national parks, 400 conference centre and 150 amateur folklore groups. Seventy percent of the country is at an altitude higher than 2,000 metres, while 34 percent is covered with forests. Kuwait was blessed with water springs," said Popovich. The abundance and beauty of the country's scenic beauty has led the tourist authorities to centre their promotion on three Rs — Refresh, relax and recreation, says Jasna Churkovich, in charge of



Oriental flavour: Yugoslav dancers performing at Hilton

promotion activities.

Popovich believes that friendly and easy-going Yugoslavs will make Arab visitors stay in their country comfortable. In a statement which reflects good salesmanship but also some of the genuine warm-heartedness, Popovich said: "We open our frontiers and hearts to the world."

Popovich and his colleague Churkovich, point out that Yugoslavia has a low crime rate and is considered to be one of the safest countries in the world. In addition, it offers a favourable exchange rate for convertible currencies with

prices generally being substantially lower than in other European tourist resorts.

All this was not lost on holiday makers from all over the world. Each year Yugoslavia chalks up one million more tourist arrivals than in the previous year. By the end of this summer, close to 10 million tourists will have visited Yugoslavia, says Popovich.

Travel agents in Kuwait report that interest in Yugoslavia as a tourist destination, is on the increase. Last year more than 3,000 visitors from Kuwait went to

Yugoslavia. Four times as many are expected to visit Yugoslavia this summer.

The Yugoslav festival which ends on Monday features a 28-member "Vukica Mitrovich" folklore troupe and a female singer Dushica Obradovich with a repertoire of old city songs, the Yugoslav equivalent of the French chanson, and original folk numbers. The show is accompanied by an exhibition of handmade head dress, mainly caps some of them 100 years old, which are an indispensable part of the country's different national costumes. Scores of posters giving



Jasna Churkovich: promoting culture

ing a glimpse of Yugoslavia's scenic spots are also on display. Yugoslav food specialities, prepared by chefs flown in from Belgrade's Slavija hotel, are served during the show brought to Kuwait by the Yugoslav Ministry of Tourism and Yugoslav Airlines in conjunction with the Kuwait Hilton and several travel agents.

## Saying it with flowers

CARNATIONS — pink, red and white — were in abundance at an informal get-together held on Friday for members of Naya Bharati at the Kuwait Continental Hotel. The dinner-reception was hosted by the Indian Arts Circle (IAC), represented by honorary secretary Vijay Sharma and treasurer S.P. Munshi.

The performers of the Hindi play, Undersecretary, recently staged at the IAC, were in a jubilant mood. For the team, it was an achievement; the fruit of three months hard work after overcoming minor and major hurdles, like facing the wife's wrath. The group are already planning ahead and hope to stick to comedies: "Life is too serious," says P.K. Mankad of Oriental Insurance, which sponsored the performance, attended along with the families of all the performers. The nicest gesture on IAC's part was recognition of efforts put in by the backstage crew, mainly women who prompted, coaxed, served and silently, some not so quietly, put up with their men's tantrums. FA

Introductions were: "He is my wife's husband." Of course, in the play. By the end of the evening, it was hard to distinguish the real-life couples from the reel (stage) — life ones. No one minded.

The atmosphere bubbled with mirth, and prompt Punjabi folksong by Asha Mankad, flowers, gifts for the one-night stars, smiles and lots of cheers. P.K. Mankad of Oriental Insurance, which sponsored the performance, attended along with the families of all the performers. The nicest gesture on IAC's part was recognition of efforts put in by the backstage crew, mainly women who prompted, coaxed, served and silently, some not so quietly, put up with their men's tantrums. FA



Mrs Shashi Nanda receiving a bouquet from Mrs Asha Mankad as Vijay Sharma, S.P. Munshi, Prem K. Mankad and Mrs Raman and children look on.

## Bengalis face dual challenge

BENGALI Cultural Society's bold attempt to put on a Hindi play has proven to be a dual challenge for the team. The play, *Bichhan*, written by Harinathab Mukherjee based on a story by Mahasweta Devi, opens on Thursday for a four-night run, spread over two days, at the Mousetraps Theatre.

The play differs from all the productions of the society in the last 10 years. They have presented musicals, comedies, at the mousetraps.

This year we wanted to do something we've never done before, and selected serious drama," explained director Bhabani Bhaumik. Last year Bhaumik directed *Kanchan* English. "Finally, the play is in Hindi; secondly it is a serious play. We've had to handle it on two counts," he said.

Hindi is not the native tongue of Bengalis. To add to their

troubles, the script of the play has been written in Bengali. "We are having trouble with diction mainly because the script is in Bengali," said Bhaumik. But they are getting all the help they can from Mrs Krishna Majumdar, who is helping them with Hindi pronunciation. Not that all Bengalis need assistance, some speak fluent Hindi.

Bichhan's theme revolves around the conflict between the haves and have-nots, a rather familiar theme in Hindi film and theatre circles. In this instance, it revolves around human folly and compromise leading to destruction.

"Life is a compromise, and giving in to evil proves unhealthy," explains Bhaumik.

Bhaumik says he is "more or less confident" they've got their act together and have sorted out staging problems. The action takes place in four locations: an open field, and three

homes, one of them is a hut. Due to the absence of a revolving stage, the Bengalis have had to "improvise" by clever light-

## Singers' special

KUWAIT Singers will hold a rather special concert of choir music this week. There are still some tickets left for the concert at the Universal American School on May 31 and June 1, 8 pm.

Choir directors Ian Robertson and Gerry Wood said this summer's concert is "rather special" because the choir will have an orchestral accompaniment provided by some members of the White House Strings chamber group. There will be two violins, flute, trumpet, drums and piano.

The concert will consist of two parts, one major work, the Coleridge Taylor arrangement of "Hiawatha's Wedding," as well as a variety of songs,

including many folk songs. Gerry Wood, a professional piano teacher, and Ian Robertson, who is head of the Junior School at KES, have both been involved with choirs for many years. They promise that the concert will be worth attending.

The Kuwait Singers Choir includes about 30 people of different nationalities, including Swedes, Indians, Americans, Britons and Palestinians. New members are always welcome, no experience is necessary and the choir meets twice a week for practice at the Sunshine School in Salwa. They have been going for two years now and usually give two concerts a year, one at Xmas and the other in summer.



The Kuwait Singers in rehearsal.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.23 World News via Satellite
- 3.25 Cartoons: Tao Tao
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 Magazine D'Actualite
- 4.20 Beer Al Tayi: ep. 7, starring Hussein Abu Shura, Lina Al Tall, Rabee Shihab.
- 5.30 Al Mahal: serial for children
- 6.00 Songs and Music
- 7.05 News Summary
- 7.30 Diwaniyat Shura Al Nabi: poetry session
- 8.15 Souk Al Ghaz: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Mohammad Saeed Shirin, Zubair Numan.
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Hada Al Rajul (That is the Man). Starring Noora, Salab Saadani, Khalid Zaki.
- 10.50 Kalimah Fi Sabra: tonight, focus on women, featuring actresses.
- 12.00 News Summary/Worid News via Satellite



Together We Stand, on KTV2 tonight

2.20 News Summary/Holy Quran/Close down

### KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 The Care Bears: 'Mayor for a Day' Caroons.
- 6.30 Danger Bay: 'Pressure Point'. A bomb is placed in a submarine.

7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Islam.

7.30 The Wacky World of Sports: a half-hour show of unusual sports.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Flying Doctors: 'Talked the Tours'. A doctor falls in love with a colleague.

9.30 Together We Stand: the children participate in a school concert. Starring: Elliott Gould, Dee Wallace, Katie O'Neill, Ke Huy Quan, Natasha Scott, Bobbi and Scott Grimes.

10.00 Hilary's World of Adventures: focus on an adventurous sport.

10.30 Best-Seller: 'Woman in White'. Part 2.

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite: Holy Quran-Close down

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

### FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Latin American Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 1900 Heiter Skelter
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pop
- 2200 Jazz Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

### Two Minds

- 0200 World News
- 09 The Sunday Papers
- 15 Science Fiction Stories
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show
- 0300 World News
- 09 News About Britain
- 15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 15th and 22nd Plays of the Week: Intimate Exchanges; 29th Great British Concert Halls.
- 1200 News Summary (ex 15th and 22nd) followed by Play of the Week inc; 15th and 22nd Intimate Exchanges Contd; 29th in Two Minds
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Big Bands — The Singers (ex 15th Sportsworld)
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial News
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Big Bands — The Singers (ex 15th Sportsworld)
- 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsdesk
- 30 Jazz for the Asking
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 From Our Own Correspondent
- 45 Book Choice
- 50 Waveguide
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours
- 0900 World News
- 09 The Sunday Papers
- 15 Science in Action
- 45 Squaring the Triangle
- 1000 News Summary followed by Short Story
- 15 Classical Record Review

### BBC World Services

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### NIGHT CHEMIST

- Kuwait
- Al Shabab Pharmacy
- Fahd Al Salem St.
- 16th Hayan Pharmacy
- Mubarak Al Kabir St.

- Hawalli and Nugra
- Al Qatami Pharmacy
- Beirut St.

- Salmiya and Rumaihiya
- Al Raed Pharmacy
- Amman St.

- Fahheel and Ahmadi
- Al Bastoor Pharmacy
- Qais Al Ghannam Bldg.
- Dabbous St., Fheel

- Farwaniya
- Al Jazira Pharmacy
- Hmoud Sanwan Bldg.
- Main St.

- Jahra
- Al Khalid Pharmacy
- Opp. Cooperative Society

### CINEMA TODAY

- Al Andalus
- Last Shark
- Starring: James Francisco, Vicki Moro

- Al Salmiya
- Flashpoint
- Starring: Kris Kristofferson, Kevin

- Salmiya and Rumaihiya
- Al Raed Pharmacy
- Amman St.

- Al Hamars
- Al Mazaikat (Arabic)
- Starring: Sayyed Ziyad, Saeed Saleh, Sabirin

- Drive-In
- Al Jad'an Talatha (Arabic)
- Starring: Samir Ghannem, Roya Al Kabub

- Al Firdous
- Jungle Ki Beti (Hindi)
- Starring: Salma Agha, Brando Bakshi

- Fahheel Open-Air
- Bundal Bazaar (Hindi)

- Al Fabahel
- Nee Yathra
- Dhaniya (Malayalam)

- Al Jaha
- Sangam (Hindi)
- Granada
- Samrat (Hindi)

- Salmiyyah
- Slipper and the Rose

- Al Jeeb
- Kalam Mari Katha Mari (Malayalam)

- Ahmed Drive-In
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- Fajr 3.16 am
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group will perform at the Kuwait Hilton, Grand Ballroom, on May 28, 29 and 30 at 8 pm. Tickets for the show are available in the hotel lobby.

### ARTS

**Boushahri Gallery** Watercolour paintings by Yugoslav artist Jovica Prodanic are open at the Boushahri Gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St, Salmiya, from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.40 pm until June 9.

### SPORTS

#### PBAK General Meeting

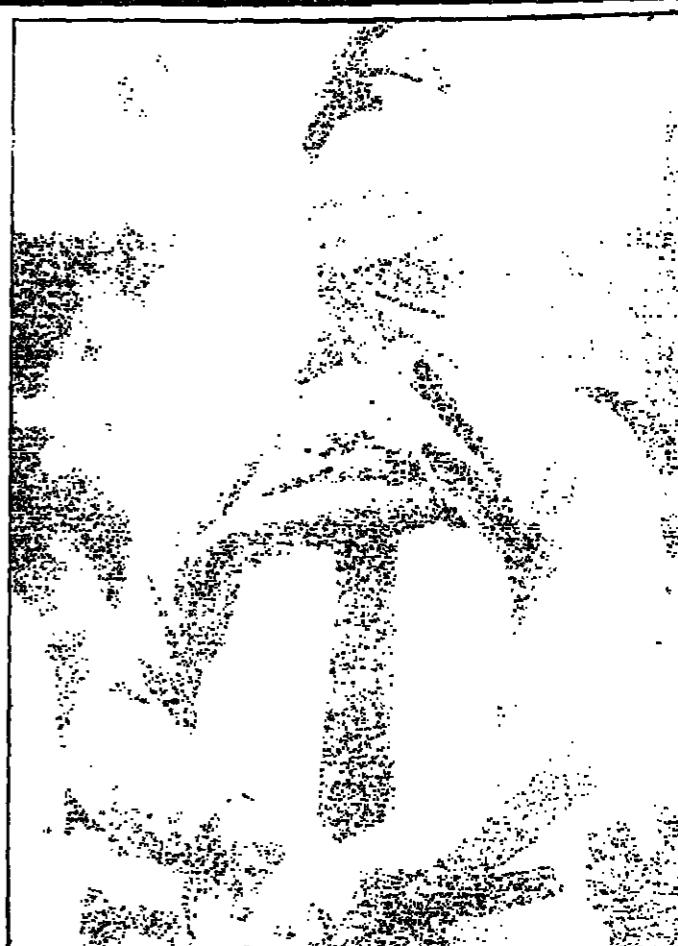
The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait, PBAK, will hold their second general meeting on



TV-camera crews film the location today at the Preungesheim Inquirer prison in Frankfurt, where Mohammed Ali Hamed, a Lebanese accused of hijacking a US airliner and murdering a passenger, will go on trial in July before a juvenile court. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRIME MINISTER Noboru Takeshita, speaking at a press conference at his official residence in Tokyo yesterday, said he would appeal for co-operative steps in preventing acts of terrorism from sabotaging the Olympic Games in Seoul when he attends a summit of Western industrial nations in Toronto in June. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Jesse Jackson gets caught in the hood of an Independence High School shirt he was presented before addressing the students on Thursday in California. (Reuter wirephoto)



CHARLES ALLSOP, Chairman of Christie's in London, displays potentially millions of pounds worth of impressionist paintings on Friday that will be offered for sale in June. (Left to right) Picasso's *Vase de Fleurs*, Van Gogh's *Romans Parisiens (Les Livres Jaunes)*, Modigliani's *Jeanne Hebuterne* and (bottom left) Monet's *La Maison Bleue*, Zaandam. (Reuter wirephoto)



A YUGOSLAV peasant takes his pet bear to the streets to perform to earn extra cash amid economic austerity. (Reuter wirephoto)



PANAMANIAN General Manuel Antonio Noriega, at a speech on Wednesday, stated his belief that the US 'establishment' seeks his death. (Reuter wirephoto)



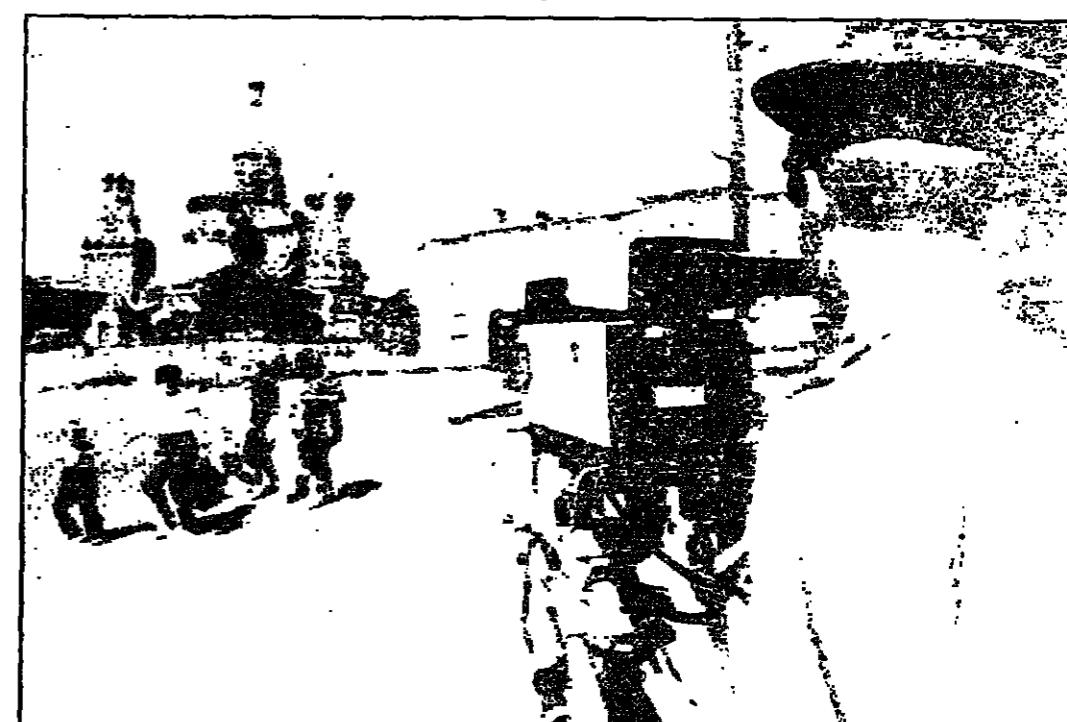
A WOMAN shields her eyes from the sun as she looks at the names of soldiers at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC, on Friday. Americans will observe Memorial Day tomorrow, May 30. (Reuter wirephoto)



GABRIELA SABATINI of Argentina returns a ball to Brenda Shultz of the Netherlands yesterday during the match she won 6-4, 6-1 in the French Open tennis championships at Roland Garros Stadium in Paris. (Reuter wirephoto)



A VETERINARY technician takes a look at a rare baby hedgehog, one of a litter of three, born April 13 at Beastes Unlimited in Pennsylvania. Since birth, this male has doubled in weight to slightly over an ounce. Originally from Africa, hedgehogs live on dog food, dried flies and crickets. (Reuter wirephoto)



MOTHERS walk their children near St. Basil's Cathedral yesterday. Moscow has taken on a festive air despite heavy security on the eve of President Reagan's arrival for a summit with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. (Reuter wirephoto)



JOSE RIVERO of Spain, Friday night's leader at the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, England, plays out of a bunker to the 15th green. He finished yesterday at 78, with a total of 143. (Reuter wirephoto)



TURKISH Minister Mesut Yilmaz (right) shakes hands with Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, after a meeting with Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, in Athens on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)



FRENCH journalist Alain Guillot (left) released from nine months imprisonment in Afghanistan explains his sufferings at a news conference in New Delhi. The French Ambassador to India, Andre Lewin, looks on.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Statoil uncovers industrial espionage ring

OSLO, May 28, (Reuters): Norway's state oil firm Statoil said today it had uncovered an industrial espionage ring working to sell valuable secret information in the multibillion dollar international oil industry.

Statoil spokesman Haakon Lavik told Reuters that the company had found eight firms, mostly based around London, which had been working to obtain confidential details of projects and sell them to companies bidding for lucrative contract work.

"Most of them are little more than paper companies. We have found that they are working in many large international oil developments," he said. Lavik declined to name the companies.

### Probe

Statoil, Norway's biggest company and guardian of its huge North Sea oil industry, began a probe last year after finding that secret information about development of its Vesielfjord offshore oilfield was being offered to potential contractors.

"We now have reason to believe that this is going on in an organised way, internationally and in other projects on the Norwegian continental shelf," Lavik said.

Company sources said a team from Statoil, working with private investigators, had found secret information on budgets, pricing and planning was often obtained by "hacking" into computers and telecommunications systems.

### Findings

Lavik said other oil companies and the police had been informed of the findings, but declined to give further details.

There was no evidence in Statoil's case that confidential information had been sold or that any company employee had been involved in leaking documents. "But there are no guarantees," he said.

## World Bank role to expand in Yugoslavia, says minister

BELGRADE, May 28, (Reuters): The World Bank may play a bigger role in Yugoslavia in the next few years, possibly tripling or quadrupling the money it lends, Assistant Finance Minister Boris Skapin said today.

He said World Bank loans to Yugoslavia may be raised from \$200 million a year now to between \$600 million and \$800 million a year in 1990-1992.

In remarks released by the Tanjin news agency, Skapin spoke of a four-year World Bank programme which he termed "ambitious."

He said it would include several long-term credits for development projects including transport modernisation, water and energy schemes and small-scale export-oriented industries.

The World Bank might also open a Belgrade office, he said.

### Talks

World Bank officials are now in Yugoslavia for talks on a "structural adjustment loan" to help finance economic reforms.

Last week, Skapin told visiting western journalists that Yugoslavia was seeking a \$300 million loan from the bank to help pay for a programme of ending controls on prices, imports and currency exchange rates.

Yugoslavia is also awaiting an International Monetary Fund (IMF) standby credit and fresh loans from commercial banks to underpin the programme.

The World Bank's director for Europe, Eugenio Lara, heads the group negotiating the structural loan. Skapin said World Bank vice-president Wilfried Thalwitz will visit Belgrade next week for further talks on a four-year cooperation plan.

### Debt

"At this stage, when Yugoslavia is trying to consolidate its foreign debt, the World Bank and other international financial institutions are of special interest to it," Skapin said.

The difficulty of keeping up payments on its \$21 billion foreign debt while exports slumped and its inflation rate soared above 150 per cent led Yugoslavia to seek IMF and World Bank help last year.

The new economic reforms are aimed at easing the strain.

Skapin said Yugoslavia had borrowed a total of \$4.8 billion from the World Bank in the past, including \$3.7 billion in the critical 1976-1985 period when Yugoslavia piled up the bulk of its hard currency foreign debt.

## Fed tries to tighten credit

# Markets exerting political pull

NEW YORK, May 28, (AP): In the view of a good many Wall Street analysts, rising interest rates and the depressed state of the securities markets are beginning to loom as a factor in this year's election campaign.

Pocketbook issues are nearly always carry a lot of weight at the polls. On the surface at least, the picture looks pretty good for incumbents of both parties right now.

After all, the unemployment rate is at a 14-year low. Economic growth has been faster of late than almost anybody expected.

### Mission

The recession that was so widely feared in the aftermath of the stock market crash last year has so far failed to materialise.

But interest rates have been

moving up steadily in recent weeks. The Federal Reserve, most analysts agree, has been taking measured steps to tighten credit in order to ward off a revival of inflation.

And some observers say the Fed faces an especially delicate mission over the next few months.

"In our opinion, in order to deal with the present inflationary threat, the Fed must tighten more forcefully than it has to date," said Paul Getman in a commentary for the Wefra Group, a forecasting firm. "Without such a move, bond prices will continue to deteriorate."

Getman said the Fed is likely to pull in the reins a bit more in June, and to raise its discount rate, which now stands at 6 per cent, during the summer.

"If this tightening is sharp enough," he added, "then the Fed may not need to tighten again before the election."

"But if the Fed is not decisive enough in its actions, then the bond markets will once again force the Fed's hand, and it will not be pretty."

### Aggressive

At the same time, analysts say, Fed policymakers are well aware of the risks of being too aggressive. The last half-point increase in the discount rate, on Sept 4 of last year, may have played a part in (or at least failed to prevent) a crash in stock prices.

Amid all these concerns, stocks struggled to break a three-week losing streak in the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 3.85 to 1,956.44.

The New York Stock

Exchange composite index gained .36 to 143.66; the Nasdaq composite index for the over-the-counter market added .63 to 366.66, and the American Stock Exchange market value index dropped 1.34 to 290.50.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 135.75 million shares a day, against 156.80 million the week before.

### Outlook

Optimists on the market outlook argue that the Fed's challenge will diminish as it becomes apparent that inflation worries are excessive.

"Over the last three years, fears about impending acceleration of consumer prices have repeatedly swept through the bond market," observed economist at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. "Yet there is little evidence of any material

acceleration of gains in consumer prices.

"In the past few months, the fear of depression has incredibly transformed itself into the fear of an economic boom," said Shearson's Michael Sherman.

"Neither expectation was or is based in reality."

### Control

In any case, the Fed's success or failure in steering the economy through the election on solid ground may be determined in large measure by events beyond its control.

As Eldon Grimm, an analyst at Birr, Wilson and Co., pointed out, "soybean prices have soared to four year highs due to tight supplies and threats of drought in some agricultural areas."

"The Federal Reserve is powerless to make it rain in the soybean belt."

## World Business Summary

### Experts see improved US trade deficit

HONOLULU, May 28, (Reuters): The dollar will gain against the mark but fall against the yen, while the US trade deficit will improve markedly by the end of 1988, according to 1,300 currency dealers polled during their annual convention here. Fifty per cent of those questioned at the Association Cambiste Internationale saw the dollar gaining as much as 6 per cent against the mark this year, a trend they expected to continue into mid-year 1989. But 52 per cent expected the dollar to lose further ground against the yen by mid-year 1988, while 57 per cent saw the trend continuing through the second quarter of 1989, according to the poll results announced yesterday.

The dollar ended the week in New York at 1,7170 marks and 124.90 Japanese yen. The survey, carried out by Forex USA, a private association of foreign exchange and money dealers, also painted a positive picture of the US balance of payments, with 51 per cent of the respondents predicting that the US trade deficit will fall to \$130 billion by December 1988. In 1987 the US posted a \$159 billion trade deficit. Seventy-seven per cent of the dealers felt the US trade shortfall would dip below \$130 billion by June 1988, while 47 per cent saw the trade balance dropping under \$110 billion or lower. On bond yields, 68 per cent expected the 30-year treasury bond yields to be above 9 per cent by December 1988. Fifty-three per cent expected long bonds to be over 9 per cent by June 1989.

### Norway likely to sell stakes in North Sea oil

OSLO, May 28, (Reuters): Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, is considering selling major government stakes in its North Sea oil fields to international firms, government sources said on Thursday. The uncertain outlook for world crude prices and a growing recognition of foreign interest in developments on Norway's continental shelf have prompted the move. Oil Ministry sources told Reuters that no decisions had yet been taken, but that large oil and gas fields like Troll, Sleipner, Gullfaks, Oseberg and Sogne would be considered. "There has been increased interest in Norway's continental shelf," one source said. "There are many people in the ministry who feel it is time Norway looked more to the outside world." With a number of fields due to come on stream in the next few years, Norway will overtake Britain as Western Europe's biggest crude producer by 1993. Norway is currently pumping oil record levels of above one million barrels per day (bpd).

Norway's minority Labour government has kept up a long tradition of large government holdings in oil fields, managed for successive administrations by state oil firm Statoil. But weaker oil prices in the last two years have struck at the economy, which takes more than one third of total export earnings from oil and gas, and caused some nervousness in government circles over investments in new fields.

### US oil prices steady ahead of Opec meeting

NEW YORK, May 28, (Reuters): US oil prices ended yesterday eight cents higher than a week ago and were likely to remain firm ahead of the June 8 meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. But analysts say they are unlikely to top the \$18 a barrel level ahead of the Opec deliberations. The US benchmark grade of crude oil, West Texas Intermediate, ended the week at \$49.43 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down 11 cents on the day. "Oil prices will be relatively firm next week as rhetoric from Opec will likely be encouraging ahead of the meeting," said Andy Lebow, an oil analyst at E.D. and F.M. International Inc. Traders said the Opec meeting and lack of trading interest ahead of the three-day Memorial Day weekend kept oil price in a narrow range through most of the week. Opec's biannual ministerial session is to decide prices and production levels for the second half of 1988. "The oil market should get light support just from a feeling Opec may make some sort of positive proposals," said Stephen Platt, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds in Chicago. Already this week Opec ministers from Iran, Venezuela and Ecuador have made statements to the effect that Opec will take action to stabilise oil prices. Iran's oil minister said he believed there was a good chance of finalising cooperation with non-Opec oil producers.

## Threat of inflation worsens

# China's money supply soaring

PEKING, May 28, (Reuters): The new head of China's central bank warned a speech published today that money supply and loans were growing much too fast, with savings slowing and consumption soaring.

A Western banker said the economy was showing serious signs of overheating and predicted inflation would reach 15-20 per cent in the second quarter.

The People's Daily today quoted Li Guixian, in his first major speech since becoming head of the People's Bank of China in April, as saying that net money supply grew by 4.254 billion yuan (\$1.15 billion) from January 1 to May 23.

This is the first time since 1961, that money supply has grown in the first half of the year. Li said, and was despite the fact that in March the bank said it would issue only 80 per cent as much money this year as in 1987.

The average Chinese family spends 60 per cent of its income on food.

### Stocks

Li said that because people needed more money to buy goods, bank savings in the first four months grew more slowly than in the same 1987 period, with deposits among rural people up by as much as 60 per cent.

Li told a meeting of chiefs of his bank that banks were lending too much and were being repaid too little. "If emergency measures are not taken, the issue of money this year will greatly exceed the target."

Excess issue of money, averaging an annual increase of more than 20 per cent since 1984, has

been a key factor in China's worst inflation since the communist takeover in 1949.

Official figures show retail prices, the nearest China has to an inflation index, rose 11 per cent in the first quarter over the same period last year, with increases of 24.2 per cent for food in major cities.

A Western banker said the inflation would reach 15-20 per cent in the second quarter, because of lifting of price controls this year on eggs, vegetables, meat and sugar, which has sent prices of these items up by as much as 60 per cent.

The Peking Financial Times reported on Friday that subsidies Beijing is paying consumers to compensate them for the food price increases would cost an extra 18 billion yuan (\$4.86 billion).

It said wages in the first four months rose 21 per cent over the same period last year, higher than the rate of industrial growth, and spending by government departments rose 40.3 per cent, despite calls from Beijing for them to be cut.

"Add on the fact the central bank is being repaid few of its short-term loans, its task this year is even more difficult than it was in 1987," the paper commented.

The banker said China's system was plagued by indiscipline,

with banks unable to force firms to repay loans and local governments able to pressure banks into issuing credit for their own projects.

"When loans are not repaid and money is squandered on projects outside the state plan, the central bank, is in the end, forced to print money to ensure the priority state projects are fulfilled," he added.

The People's Daily today gave vivid examples of this indiscipline.

### Construction

It printed a list of 24 hotels, reception halls, office and apartment buildings in Beijing whose construction has been ordered to stop by the State Council.

It said the 24 were among many extravagant projects under construction all over China, in defiance of repeated orders from the central government, diverting money from other more needed projects and arousing great public anger.

One construction firm under the Railways Ministry diverted funds allocated for new lines to build a high-class hotel in Beijing — the State Council has confiscated all the assets of the project and ordered an investigation of the case.

## Turkey and Greece agree to expand trade ties

ANKARA, Turkey, May 28, (AP): High-level Turkish and Greek officials concluding three days of meetings on Thursday reached agreement on a detailed plan to boost economic and cultural cooperation between the two countries.

The agreement was announced at a joint news conference held by heads of the delegations, Greek Economy Minister Panayotis Roumeliotis and Turkish State Minister Adnan Kahveci.

Both ministers said the work of the committee was a positive step towards further dialogue, creating an atmosphere of confidence and displaying the intention of both sides to improve long-standing relations.

### Negotiations

According to the announcement, the two sides decided to initiate negotiations for four different agreements on economic, industrial, technical and scientific cooperation, on prevention of double taxation between the two countries, and on reciprocal promotion and protection of investments.

Technocrats from Greece and Turkey will exchange visits to improve a railway network linking the two countries. It was also decided to upgrade the telecommunications between the two countries.

The two sides decided to conclude a maritime agreement to increase cooperation in shipping.

The committee agreed that an exchange of information on tenders and investment projects in both countries was essential for cooperation in civil construction.

A joint tourism commission will convene in Athens in near future to study the prospects of cooperation in tourism field.

The two sides will exchange art exhibitions and organise Turco-Greek festivals in the framework of increasing cultural cooperation.

The two sides also decided to cooperate within the framework of Unesco with a view to eliminate the erroneous and biased information which may appear in the school textbooks.

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2 years	9.25%	9.91%
3 years	9.5%	10.70%

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Traitors of the old school: Anthony Blunt (left) and Kim Philby

By Carlton Stuart

IT had looked like being an uneventful day for pleasure-loving Old Etonian, Guy Francis de Moncy Burgess. He had just taken a leisurely breakfast in his West London apartment when a telephone call came that was to change his life.

The voice at the end of the line told Burgess: "There's no time to lose. They're closing in on Donald Maclean. His interrogation is set for three days time."

That call had come from fellow homosexual and university contemporary, Anthony Blunt. And the interrogation he spoke of was to signal the end of Maclean's career as head of the American Department of the British Foreign Office.

Guy Burgess, Donald Maclean and Anthony Blunt were not the only ones to be seriously worried about the events of May 1951. Harold Adrian Russell (Kim) Philby, the Westminster School educated liaison officer for the British Secret Intelligence Services, SIS, and the CIA, was also interested in what happened. For it promised to be the most dramatic spy drama since World War Two.

The four men were around the same age, all were members of the British upper middle class and they were all products of public schools and universities.

They were to become known as the "famous four" and "the old school tie traitors." They

were communists whose allegiance to the Soviet cause stretched back to their undergraduate days ... and they were to be at the centre of one of the biggest ever spy scandals.

Guy Burgess's career as a diplomat was at a serious crisis in any case. At the age of 40, he had been sent home in disgrace from his job at the British Embassy in Washington after serious complaints about his drunkenness and succession of homosexual affairs.

But until Anthony Blunt delivered his bombshell, Burgess had appeared remarkably relaxed. That morning he had lounged in bed, with a cup of tea made by his male dancer lover and looked forward to his meeting with Bernard Miller, a young American he had met while returning to Britain on the Queen Mary.

Burgess had booked a two-berth cabin on the SS Falaise, sailing from Southampton at midnight, on May 25, 1951, for St. Malo where they would meet. After that, their plans had been vague — they might make for Paris or go on to Italy.

At their hotel rendezvous, Miller found a badly agitated Guy Burgess who told him that a friend was in trouble and that the trip might have to be called off. Burgess then contacted Maclean by telephone. The sequence of events that followed could have come from any spy book.

Burgess then hired a white Austin 70 from a West End garage, collected some clothes

and stuffed £300 into his black Foreign Office briefcase and drove straight to Donald Maclean's home near London.

There, Maclean introduced Burgess as an official colleague named Roger Styles so as not to arouse his wife's suspicions. The two men took a stroll in the garden after dinner then Maclean told his wife: "Mr Styles and I have to keep a pressing engagement. But I don't expect to be back very late. I'll take an overnight bag just in case."

Somewhere in the narrow country lanes leading to Southampton, Burgess came to a fateful decision. He reasoned that with Maclean fleeing to Russia his own role would be blown and without further thought, joined Maclean on board the Falaise.

## Evidence

The news of Maclean and Burgess's defection threw Kim Philby at his British Embassy post, in Washington, into panic. He recalled how on Burgess's last night before his expulsion they had dined in a small and intimate Chinese restaurant. They had gone over their plan step by step. Burgess was to meet his Soviet contact on arrival in London. Then he was to arrange to see Maclean at his office and finalise plans for his defection.

Now that Burgess had flown as well, it would not take long for the British security authorities to spot an obvious link in the chain.

# Treason in high places

Guy Burgess, Anthony Blunt, Donald Maclean and Kim Philby — who died recently — had good educations, wealth and promising careers in Britain's secret service. Yet they chose to betray their country ... and sparked off one of the most dramatic spy dramas since World War Two.

As for Donald Maclean, the evidence against him had been mounting steadily for months. It had begun with the defection to the West of Major-General Walter Krivitsky, head of Soviet Intelligence in Western Europe. He had told his interrogators that in the mid-1930s Russia had recruited a young man of good Scottish family into the Foreign Office and that he was working without payment. Maclean's name had figured on the list of suspects but there had been insufficient evidence to take further action.

Maclean had been posted with his wife, Melinda to Washington as a First Secretary. At 31, he was a Foreign Office high flier, and the rewards came fast — notably the job of British Secretary to the Combined Policy Committee on Atomic Affairs. The information the job brought with it was colossal. Information that was passed on to the Russians.

In 1949, Maclean leaked the signing to the Western defence alliance — the North Atlantic Pact. A promotion to Cairo made Maclean's usefulness even greater and he was still able to give the Soviets full details of British Middle East policy.

But the strain of Maclean's double life soon began to tell. There were episodes of drunken violence and rumours of homosexual affairs. Maclean was sent home to London on sick leave.

The links between Burgess, Philby, Maclean and Blunt had been forged at Cambridge University between 1931 and 1934. All were products of an age and class where it was considered smart to rebel against the Establishment.

Maclean, son of former Cabinet Minister, Sir Donald Maclean, and Burgess, who had reached Cambridge via Dartmouth Royal Naval College and Eton, had never made any secret of their Communist sympathies. The shy, stammering Philby, son of a famous explorer, claimed that at that time he did not altogether subscribe to Communism. Blunt, interested primarily in art, professed to be indifferent to politics.

After graduation, all had gone their separate ways. Burgess eventually found his way into the Foreign Office and was sent as Second Secretary to the British Embassy. He had given his employers an assurance that he had renounced all Communist sympathies. Indeed, he seemed to be far more interested in drinking heavily and attending strings of homosexual parties. But neither M15 or American intelligence paid much attention.

The Russians, meanwhile, had not been idle. In 1955, a Russian intelligence agent, Vladimir Petrov defected to Australia and he revealed what he had been told by Burgess's controller: "The volume of material Burgess supplied was so colossal that the cipher

clerks of the Soviet Embassy were at times almost fully employed in deciphering it so that it could be radioed to Moscow."

Even when Burgess was sent home in disgrace from Washington because of his scandalous conduct, he carried on his work for the Russians. But the net fell quickly on Donald Maclean. The earlier leakage of atomic secrets was known. British security became progressively more interested in him throughout the time he was on leave in London for psychiatric treatment.

In Washington, a desperately anxious Kim Philby was busy, too ... He had driven to a remote stretch of road bordering the Potomac River and buried his spy tools — camera, tripod and accessories.

Inevitably, the British intelligence services soon became interested in him too. It did not take them long to discover that Philby had got his first job in World War Two intelligence with Burgess's help. He was ordered home to help throw light on the defection of Burgess and Maclean.

Philby was interrogated by M15 officers and although there was no cast-iron evidence that he was the "third man," Philby was persuaded to resign.

Philby, confident he was in the clear, was happy to go on bluffing. At a press conference he declared that he had not even known that Burgess was a Communist.

He then went to work as an

SIS agent in the field — his final posting being in Beirut with a cover as foreign correspondent for The Observer newspaper. But what he didn't realise was that he was being deliberately fed inaccurate information.

At the end of 1962, Anthony Blunt had served as a captain. His former academic career had attracted the attention of British intelligence and he was recruited to the secret services. At Trinity College, Cambridge, Blunt had also been a homosexual, was known to have been a friend of Guy Burgess and the author of certain articles in the Left Wing press. But nobody bothered to investigate much into his past.

On March 3, 1963, the Soviet Union announced that he had been granted political asylum. He later declared: "I was home and dry."

For Burgess and Maclean, the years of exile brought little satisfaction — the Russians regarded them essentially as pensioners and they were given little to do. Burgess was left to get drunk in Moscow bars and pursue his homosexual affairs. He died in 1963 of advanced hardening of the arteries.

Donald Maclean was to live another 20 years, an honoured Russian citizen.

But one man had so far escaped exposure. For Anthony Frederick Blunt, son of a clergyman, disgraced was a long time coming ... Blunt had carved out a reputation as one of the world's experts on the history of modern art and rose to command one of the highest positions in the British Establishment — Surveyor of the King's (from 1952 the Queen's) Pictures.

None of this would have been revealed had it not been for the rumour that Guy Burgess, desperately unhappy in Moscow, had applied to return to Britain for a brief visit. Blunt, in a panic, realised that if Burgess was arrested and decided to talk, exposure was inevitable. He called on the security authorities with the intention of confessing. His inquisitors realised that offering him immunity was the only way they could get him to talk.

They told him what they knew. Interviewed in his West End office, Blunt declared: "It's all true."



Fellow spies Guy Burgess (left) and Donald Maclean.

On May 15, 1979, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher revealed that not only had Blunt been a spy, but had confessed to it 15 years earlier. He had been a Communist for 45 years.

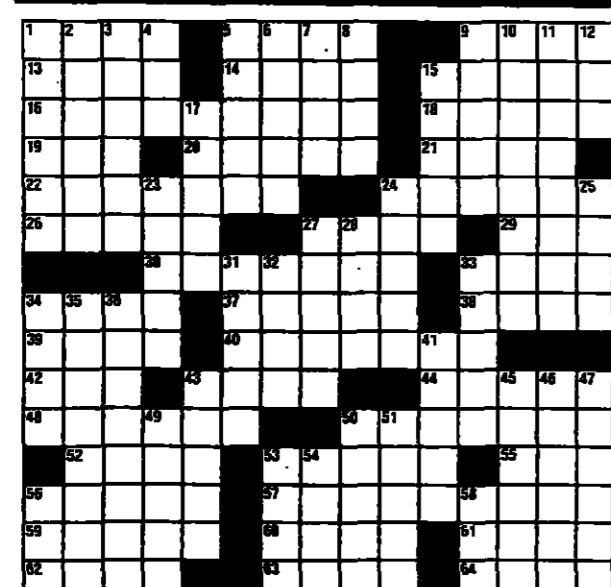
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It was later found that he passed all the information to his Soviet controller.

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## GOREN BRIDGE

## BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦Q10985 ♦72 ♦KJ6 ♦93

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ 1 ♦ 3 ♦ 4 ♦ ?

What action do you take

A.—We certainly don't like your hand for defense, and hate that doubleton heart for offensive purposes. Despite the fact that partner opened the bidding, we think this hand belongs to the opponents, so we would bid four spades as a potential sacrifice. At worst we'll be down two; if the gods are kind, we could even make it.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦10962 ♦7 ♦AKQ63 ♦Q87

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—There's no question that you want to make a forward-going move. However, you should not be the one to declare no trump for your side — you have no tenaces that need protecting. Despite the shabby quality of the suit, we suggest you bid one spade to see how partner reacts.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A6 ♦AQ1072 ♦AQ983 ♦6

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass ?

What do you respond?

A.—Had you two suits each been

four cards long, the correct way to

show them would be to bid up-the-line, i.e., one diamond. With five-card suits, however, you must bid the higher-ranking suit first, so here the right action is one heart.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A6 ♦AQ1072 ♦AQ983 ♦6

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—You have enough strength for a

jump shift, but the likely misfit

should make you cautious — a jump

to three diamonds could propel you

beyond three no trump, which

might be your only playable spot.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

## By Brian Bolland and Johnny Hart

## THE WIZARD OF ID

## BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

## ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦AJ ♦KQ76 ♦93 ♦AKJ42

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1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass ?

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## SPORTS

ATHLETICS OVERCOME RED SOX

## Twins score 6th straight win

NEW YORK, May 28. (AP): Two pitchers known for their success in the Metrodome — Minnesota's Frank Viola and Detroit's Jack Morris — dueled last night.

Viola struggled and won. Morris unravelled and lost.

Ken Hrbek and Randy Bush homered, leading Viola and the Minnesota Twins over the Tigers 7-1 for the sixth consecutive victory.

Viola, 8-1, won his eight consecutive game this season and his 14th straight decision at the Metrodome in 19 starts since last May 22. He gave up one run on eight hits in seven innings and struck out eight.

"It was a struggle," Viola said. "My arm was never catching up with my body. But I made the pitches when I had to, and the guys behind me made all the plays."

Morris, 4-6, lasted only 5 2-3 innings. He had won his previous eight regular-season decisions at

the Metrodome, although he lost game 2 of last season's playoffs in Minnesota.

Yankees 5, Mariners 1

Jack Clark hit two sacrifice flies and Tommy John pitched a five-hit ball for six innings as the New York Yankees beat the Seattle Mariners 5-1 for their sixth straight victory.

John, 3-1, walked one and struck out three before being replaced by Cecilio Guante, who got his fourth save. Scott Bankhead, 0-2, took the loss.

Athletics 3, Red Sox 2

Joe Cancesco hit his 12th home run of the season and Mike Gallego hit his first to help the Oakland Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 3-2.

Curt Young, 4-2, allowed one run and seven hits in five-plus innings for the victory. He was followed by three relievers, with Dennis Eckersley going the final two innings for his 15th save.

Angels 4, Orioles 2

Tony Armas' two-run single

broke a fifth-inning tie and the California Angels beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-2 and ended a five-game losing streak.

Chuck Finley, 3-6, gave up six hits in 7 2-3 innings. He became the first California starter to win since May 9. Bryan Harvey finished for his third save.

Indians 6, Brewers 3

Joe Carter hit a solo home run and sacrifice fly as the Cleveland Indians beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-3.

Scott Bailes, 4-4, gave up six hits in eight-plus innings and Doug Jones got his 10th save. Mike Birkbeck, 2-4, took the loss.

Blue Jays 4, White Sox 3

Pinch hitter Juan Beniquez and Nelson Liriano hit run-scoring singles in the ninth inning rallying the Toronto Blue Jays over the Chicago White Sox 4-3.

Duane Ward, 1-0, went 2 2-3 innings for the victory. The White Sox lost for the 10th time in 11 games. Toronto has won

two of its last six.

Reds 5, Pirates 3

Jeff Treadway hit run-scoring doubles in the second and sixth innings, helping Cincinnati overcome the loss of pitcher Danny Jackson, who pulled a hamstring while running out a bunt after pitching four scoreless innings.

Rangers 3, Royals 2

Joe Guzman pitched a seven-hitter and the Texas Rangers beat Kansas City 3-2, the Royals' sixth straight loss.

Results

	American League	National League
Cleveland	6 Milwaukee	3
Toronto	4 Chicago	3
Minnesota	7 Detroit	1
Texas	3 Kansas City	2
New York	5 Seattle	2
Oakland	3 Boston	2
California	4 Baltimore	2
Chicago	2 Houston	2
Cincinnati	2 Pittsburgh	0
San Diego	2 New York	0
Philadelphia	5 San Francisco	2
St. Louis	5 Atlanta	2
Los Angeles	5 Montreal	2



The Hatid Ligaya squad which won its opening game.

## Hatid Ligaya rout Kabayan

HATID LIGAYA-Abugosh Int'l took the honours on the opening day of the Palarong Pilipino Bowling '88 at the 300 Club on Thursday.

The Cargomen put on a superb team performance to thrash Kabayan Restaurant 4-0 and move into the top spot with a better average than the other two teams who won their games by a similar score.

## Hooked

Team captain Manny Inserto was the top scorer for the Cargomen with 541 pins while his deputy Willy Saby got 532. The other scorers for the Cargomen were Rudy Zublan with 473, Roger Sabado 333, Carl Baginda 310, Ojie Olor 154 and Dodie Bautista 141.

The High Game was taken by Joel Laron of Al Nakest with a score of 224, which was also the top score in the 200 Club. Laron was followed by team-mate Mads Garcia with 221. Arthur Reyes, with his full right hooked ball, romped away with the honours in the men's High Series with a total of 580 and High

Average of 193.3. Joel Laron was second best with a total of 560 and average of 186.6.

The most exciting match of the day was between Kay & Associates Inc. and Alghanini Freight. The match was quite close until the end with Kay finally winning 2-5-1.

In the other men's matches Mobil Oil beat Kuwait Regency Palace 4-0.

Al Nakest overcame Kuwait Airways 3-1; Atlas International Corp. Crushed Public Ports Authority (Shuaiba) 4-0 and Oriental Trading were awarded a bye in the first round.

In the women's division, Mabuhay Restaurant took the top spot after a 4-0 victory over Crown Trading Est., a newcomer in the League. The Mabuhay team was based on Grace Pagadian — team captain, Cora Paras — vice-captain, Bojo Hamdan, Cesill Contreras, Chary Nepomuceno, Jo Reyes, Eva Sabay, Malou Tadena and Marilyn Tecuala.

In another game, Oriental Trading put on an excellent show in their 3-1 win over Alghanini Freight.

On Thursday, at 6.00 pm, Hatid Ligaya meet Al Nakest and Atlas Int'l Corp. take on Kuwait Airways.

Freight, Tonetic Anes — team captain, Lynne Reyes — vice-captain, Julie Sayed, Baby Militante, Glo Estandarte, Vangie Simoy, Amy Abdon and Arlene Bonecilla made up the Oriental squad.

The High Game was taken by Nito Alines of Alghanini Freight with a score of 190 followed by Bojo Hamdan and Glo Estandarte with 184 each.

Bojo Hamdan took the honours in both the High Series and High Average with scores of 463 and 154.3 respectively. Lilia Ganancian of Alghanini Freight was second with 462 and 154.

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On Friday, at 1.00 pm, Kabayan Restaurant play Public Ports Authority, Kay & Associates Inc. and Alghanini Freight meet at the Oriental Trading Palace.

In the women's division, Crown Trading take on Alghanini Freight and Mabuhay Restaurant play Oriental Trading. These matches start at 8.30 am.

## Rugby Test

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, May 28, (Reuters): New Zealand demolished Wales 52-3 today in the first Rugby Union Test of the eight-match Welsh tour.

New Zealand, who led 24-0 at half-time, were in a class of their own, running in 10 tries, many with stunning ease, and converting six of them. Mark Ring scored a penalty for Wales.

The Briton ended 16th in the timings, with teammate Ricardo Patresse of Italy two behind.

## Mavericks beat Lakers to trim lead

DALLAS, Texas, May 28, (Reuters): Mark Aguirre and Roy Tarpley teamed up for 44 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 106-94 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals two games to one. Dallas, with a four set for Dallas tomorrow.

The Lakers now lead the best-of-seven-game Western Conference finals two games to one, with Dallas a point behind. Grab

Aguirre pumped in 23 points and Tarpley contributed 21 and 19 rebounds. Orlando Blackman chipped in with another 20.

James Worthy was the top scorer with 19 points for Los Angeles. Magic Johnson had only 14 points for the Lakers who were looking to grab a commanding lead, but instead lost to the Mavericks for the second time in eight games this year.

The Lakers led 76-75 after three periods, but Dallas, a point behind, came back to win 85-83 and never looked back.

## Coaching classes

COACHING classes for potential football referees will start from Friday, June 3. Anyone interested in qualifying as a referee should contact A.E. D'Souza, Tel. 2404631/2; or A.J. Fernandes, Tel. 2445729/2431674 or 473852 (residence) or any member of the Indian Football Referees Association at the Sour ground on Friday.

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## Senna fastest in Grand Prix practice

MEXICO CITY, May 28, (Reuters): Brazilian Ayrton Senna notched the fastest lap time in the first qualifying practice yesterday for tomorrow's Mexican Grand Prix, clocking in one minute 17.468 seconds at the Rodriguez Brothers track.

Senna knocked more than a second off last year's pole position timing.

Claiming second provisional pole position was his McLaren teammate and current world championship leader Alain Prost. The Frenchman's fastest lap was one minute 18.097 seconds, confirming their position as joint favourites.

Three races into the season, Prost has already scored victories in the Brazilian and Mon-

aco Grands Prix and Senna won at San Marino.

Neither reported major problems on the recently-resurfaced 4.421-km circuit although Prost said his car did not handle as well in the afternoon's qualifier as it did in the free morning session.

Positions

His crew was planning some chassis changes for the second qualifying session today.

Turbocharged cars of McLaren, Ferrari, Lotus and Arrows would have taken the top nine positions except for Italian Alessandro Nannini, who handled his normally-aspirated Benetton well to come in sixth with one minute 20.740.

The race is expected to be

dominated by the turbocharged cars, which lose less power at Mexico City's 7,000-foot altitude than the normally-aspirated engines.

"Basically I'm happy with the car and the engine though I feel there is more to come," he said.

"The handling was good in the fast corners and that's where I was gaining on the other normally-aspirated cars."

Third in the timings was Austria's Gerhard Berger, the 1986 winner here. He spun off the track at one point and damaged his suspension but got out of his car at the end of the practice session saying he could have gone faster if he had not run out of fuel trying to make a fast final lap. Behind him was Italy's M. Alboreto in a

Ferrari. World champion Nelson Piquet, hoping to win back ground in the title table from the McLaren duo, was fifth in the timings with one minute 20.380. He reported problems with his chassis which let him down at the fast corners.

Last year's winner Nigel Mansell had an afternoon as gloomy as the Mexico City sky.

Sessions

"I think it would be true to say that this was one of the worst practice sessions that Williams has had in recent years. I had serious handling problems over the bumps," Mansell said.

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